

FAIR CHANCE FOR HOUSING



It's time to end discrimination against people with conviction records.

- » People with conviction records - who are already our neighbors, friends, and co-workers - are locked out of housing opportunities, making it more difficult to be successful in the community.
- » Housing is the foundation for employment, physical and mental health, and family well-being. Yet, people with convictions face a lifetime of obstacles to housing.
- » By removing barriers to housing, people are better able to support themselves and their families, lowering recidivism and making our communities safer.
- » Background checks are used by 90% of landlords, but they do not predict someone's future behavior and are often filled with errors.

750,000

New York City residents have a conviction record — that's almost 11% of the adult population.

80%

of New York City residents with a conviction are Black or Latinx because of racism in policing and prosecution.

79%

of formerly incarcerated people and their families reported being denied housing due to a conviction.

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THE FAIR CHANCE FOR HOUSING ACT:

- ✔ Makes it unlawful for housing providers to deny someone housing because of a conviction record.
- ✔ Addresses the housing and homelessness crisis by eliminating policies that restrict housing options based on conviction records.
- ✔ Improves public safety by ensuring access to stable housing, which keeps families together and creates opportunities for economic well-being.
- ✔ Reduces racial disparities in homelessness and access to stable housing. Because of long-standing inequalities in policing and prosecution, people of color are overrepresented in the criminal legal system and – as a result – more likely to be unfairly impacted by conviction-based housing discrimination.

The past shouldn't limit your future. **Join us.**



Stop punishing people forever. **Take action.**



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